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National Operations Update

As of 7:45 a.m., 11 Feb 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

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MAIN POINTS

- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 demonstrations

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

COVID-19

Current RFA Update

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CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 –DEMONSTRATION

Current RFA Update

Jurisdiction	RFA	Status
Alberta	Support (Convoy) – For provision of equipment and personnel to move approximately 70 semi-tractor trailers and approximately 75 personal and recreational vehicles.	Letter to Min PS and Min EP. received on 5 Feb
Ontario	Support (Convoy) – For additional 1800 officers to support the ongoing protest in downtown Ottawa: 1000 regular officers, 600 public order officers, 100 investigative officers, 100 civilian staff – including cyber investigative capacity, digital and social media forensics and financial forensics.	Letter from Mayor, Ottawa to Min PS and Min EP received on 7 Feb.
Ontario	Support (Convoy) – For provision of support in the form of personnel (100 officers) and equipment (marked police cars and tow trucks) to deal with the protest at the Ambassador Bridge.	Letter from Mayor, Windsor, to Min Blair received 9 Feb.

- The demonstrations continued in Ottawa on 10 Feb, with protesters converging the downtown core:
 - On 6 Feb, the City of Ottawa declared a State of Local Emergency.
 - On 7 Feb, an Ottawa judge granted a 10-day injunction that would prevent protesters from honking their horn.
 - A high police presence remains on site. Ottawa Police Service hotline has been set up to report crimes; to date Police have made **25 arrests**, issued **1700 tickets** and initiated **126 criminal investigations**. **911 lines have been flood intentionally by protesters and supporters.**

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- On 10 Feb, 40 truckers were circling the Ottawa International Airport (YOW) with a 'slow roll' convoys.
- A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa – extended to 14 Feb.
- On 10 Feb, the U.S. urged the federal government to use its federal powers to end the truck blockades at the border. Other protests were held / are being planned across Canada, in solidarity with those in Ottawa:
 - Toronto:
 - In response to social media posts suggesting possible demonstrations, Toronto Police Service have closed streets around Queen's Park.
 - NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions until 13 Feb.
 - Fort Erie (POE):
 - A lone protester was seen on 10 Feb;
 - Demonstrations are planned at the Peace Bridge on 12 Feb, with potential impact to the Fort Erie-Buffalo crossing.
 - Sarnia (POE):
 - Blue Water Crossing remained open on 9 Feb; heavy commercial traffic continues, but with a 2 hours wait time (Canada-bound).
 - On 9 Feb, TC received a call from VIA Rail on potential blockade of tracks; CN continues to monitor its rail network.
 - Windsor (POE):
 - Demonstrations continue on the Ambassador Bridge crossing; as of 10 Feb, CBSA reported that the bridge was temporarily closed to inbound and outbound traffic.
 - A white truck was seen in the vicinity of the Tunnel; protesters state that they plan to keep the tunnel open. CBSA continues to monitor the situation.
 - On 10 Feb, Automotive Sector and the City of Windsor seek injunction to end the blockade.
 - Winnipeg:
 - Small number of demonstrators at the MB Legislative Building on 10 Feb; the event remained peaceful; Winnipeg is exploring an injunction against the protest.
 - Demonstrations at Polo Park are planned for 12 Feb.
 - Emerson, MB (POE)
 - On 10 Feb, RCMP reported a blockade at the border due to a demonstration involving a large number of vehicles and farm equipment; no traffic north southbound.
 - Coutts, AB (POE):
 - North and Southbound lanes remained closed on 10 Feb.
 - CBSA confirm the blockade north of Coutts, near Milk River, AB, continues; protestors refusing to move from Coutts have been issued tickets by the RCMP.
 - Traffic is being diverted to Carway, Aiden and Del Bonita POEs.
 - NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions has been extended to 16 Feb.
 - Fredericton
 - Social media reports a planned demonstration in the downtown core and provincial legislature on 11 Feb.
 - Surrey, BC (POE):

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- On 10 Feb, a demonstration continued near Pacific Highway POE; the event remained peaceful with no operational impact to commercial traffic.
- Northwest Territories:
 - NWT Government reports rumours of a potential blockage at the border; cooperating with RCMP and in communication with Province of AB.
- As of 8 Feb, Convoy organizers have raised more than \$8.2 US on a Christian fundraising service, GiveSendGo. Supporters are also turning to cryptocurrency websites to raise money;
 - On 10 Feb, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice froze access of funds raised through fundraising platforms.
- The protests in Canada has inspired copycat convoys in American cities, 27 European capitals, New Zealand and Australia.

IQALUIT WATER SAFETY

- News media reporting calls mount for public inquiry into Iqaluit water crisis. The Government of Nunavut has stated its intent on proceeding with an independent third-party review in conjunction with the City of Iqaluit.
- As of 28 Jan, Nunavut's Health Department has lifted a precautionary boil-water advisory for the City of Iqaluit. The advisory was put in place on 19 Jan when the city started using a bypass system to pump water to residents.
- Nunavut MP Lori Idlout (NDP) is calling for \$180M to end the water emergency in Iqaluit, in a letter dated 21 Jan to Infrastructure and Communities Minister Dominic Leblanc. No specifics provided on what the funds would be used for, but Mayor Kenny Bell recently stated that the city needs a new water source and treatment plant.
- Some residents have reported a return fuel smells in water. Although slight levels of hydrocarbons have been detected in the water, these levels are within an acceptable range.

BEIJING 2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

- The Beijing Games will run from 4 February to 20 February 2022.
- An anticipated 614 Team Canada members and 108 other Canadian Games participants will travel to Beijing. As of 10 Feb, 503 members of Team Canada were in Beijing.
- One case of COVID is unconfirmed on Team Canada.

EMERGING ISSUES

UKRAINE

- On 7 Feb, GAC issued a warning to Canadians registered with ROCA to immediate leave the Ukraine in anticipation of a Russian invasion.
- Minister of National Defence met with SecGen NATO on 1 Feb, and was in Latvia on 2 Feb.
- Minister of National Defence arrived in Kyiv on 30 Jan, and met with Ukrainian Defence Minister Olesksii Reznikov on 31 Jan. Ukraine has asked for lethal weapons, Canada has not committed to do so.
- On 30 Jan, Canada is temporarily withdrawing all non-essential staff from its Embassy in Kyiv. This is in addition to the 25 Jan order for all family members of diplomatic staff stationed in Ukraine to leave the country.

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- GAC has updated its travel guidance, advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel due to ongoing Russian threats and military buildup in and around the country.
- On 26 Jan, the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, joined the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to announce \$340 million for immediate support to Ukraine and for the extension and expansion of Operation UNIFIER, the Canadian Armed Forces' military training and capacity-building mission in Ukraine.

FOR AWARENESS

OP SAFE HAVEN (ASYLUM SEEKERS)

- Increase in migrants are being reported at the Lacolle, QC port of entry, after lifting a 20 month ban. IRCC confirms it has sufficient capacity to maintain operations for the short-term.
- A transfer of asylum claimants to Ontario is being planned, beginning with a pilot project in Ottawa to start in late March.
- No RFA is expected.

SPRING FLOODING IN CANADA

- A coordination call with Public Safety and Emergency Management federal leadership to discuss the critical path for cyclical season preparations will be held on 10 February. EP will attend.
- The GOC issued its Initial Planning Guidance on 17 Jan.
- A national Risk Assessment and Plan are expected to be finalized and shared in early March.
- Public Safety's Critical Infrastructure (CI) Directorate is conducting a CI Impact Assessment with CI owners/operators, P/T governments and Federal institutions with CI responsibilities.

AVIAN INFLUENZA:

- Since 27 Jan, CFIA has confirmed 3 cases of avian influenza (AI) in NS. In all cases, remaining birds have been humanely euthanized and disposed of to prevent further spread of the disease.
- CFIA is closely monitoring and is coordinating incident management and communications.
- On 9 Feb, CFIA prepared a statement, shared with media, on the ongoing AI investigation and trade restrictions implemented by countries (key partners), including: Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Africa, South Korea, Philippines, Unites States, Mexico, Russian Federation, and Japan.
 - Additional trade restrictions include EU, Morocco, Peru and Singapore.

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